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## Did You Say

You wished to make your Spring Underwear  
== NOW? ==

See those new CREPES, white and colored, at the **ENTERPRISE**  
Also nainsooks, long cloths, etc.—  
good values.

PINK NAINSOOK GOWNS, made up, stamped to  
embroider, besides numerous other novelties  
and staples in art materials.

**Tetley Building**

## Co-operative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics

College of Agriculture, University of Missouri, U. S. Department of Agriculture, St. Francois County Court, and St. Francois County Farm Bureau, Co-operating.

**ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY  
FARM BUREAU**

**BERT L. FRANCE  
Farm Adviser**

### FARM BUREAU OFFICERS

W. H. Smollinger.....President  
W. E. Matkin.....First Vice President  
Mr. Robt. Sellers.....2nd Vice Pres.  
Directors:  
Will Kinkead, Libertyville.  
Will London, Farmington.  
John Rion, Farmington.  
J. H. Shaner, Bismarck.  
Lee Welker, Farmington.

### Annual Business Meeting

The annual business meeting of the St. Francois County Farm Bureau took place on Friday afternoon at the conclusion of the program of the County Mass Meeting. About fifty men were present for the business session, and as it was very late in the afternoon, nothing was done but to elect the officers and directors for the coming year. The officers elected were as follows:

Mr. W. H. Smollinger, president.  
Mr. W. E. Matkin, 1st vice pres.  
Mr. Robt. Sellers, 2nd vice pres.

### Directors:

Will Kinkead, Libertyville.  
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This gives the Farm Bureau an entirely new set of Directors and without question the farmers interested in the welfare of the Farm Bureau have chosen very wisely. All of these men are interested in the future of the Farm Bureau and will be willing and anxious to do all they can to continue and further the splendid work already done by this organization.

### 750 Members for the County Farm Bureau

At the conclusion of the address on the County Farm Bureau, delivered Friday afternoon by Sam Jordan, a campaign was inaugurated, the object of which being to secure 750 members for the County Farm Bureau. Membership cards were circulated at that time and practically every man present became a member of the St. Francois County Farm Bureau. This campaign will be continued and an effort will be made to solicit for membership every farmer and business man in the county.

The Farm Bureau as an organization is either justified or it is not. It has been in existence long enough for the people of the county to know whether or not it is an organization worth perpetuating. If it is not then it had better be abolished. If its presence is justified, then it deserves the loyal support of every man in the county. The Farm Bureau is the only organization that we have that is county-wide in its interests.

As suggested by our motto, "Better Farming, Better Stock, Better Living," it stands for all things that make for better community welfare. It aims to serve both the individual and the groups and one as well as the other. The more members we have, the more efficiently can we do the work that is ours to accomplish.

It may well be asked as to what this organization can accomplish. A strong county organization can encourage and insist upon favorable legislation in State and National government that the individual cannot do.

A county organization can create better social conditions in the country.

A county organization can advertise and distribute the products of its members to better advantage than the individual can do.

These and many others are the results attained by county units when they are active.

There will no doubt be men who will not get direct material benefit that can be measured in dollars and cents.

Others and many will get just such assistance as this. But, however, that may be, all will get the benefit of a better community in which to live. In every community there may be men who are prospering and are the best of managers and who perhaps cannot gain any direct material assistance that will make their farming business pay better.

If they have the correct attitude toward community welfare, they will encourage the Farm Bureau movement for what it will do for their neighbor. And no one can deny but what there are many people who can and are getting valuable assistance from this organization.

As one travels over the county and sees still a great deal of poor stock still a great deal of poor farming, and worst of all the unsatisfactory conditions of many of the public roads, many of the schools, and many of the homes, which all together are unfavorable to the best community welfare, then he becomes convinced that some person or some organization has a big job to do. The function of the Farm Bureau then being to improve these conditions and everyone being anxious that these conditions shall be improved, then let every business man both in town and in the country ally themselves with this organization and the more quickly and effectively bring into existence in this county the strongest county unit in the State.

We desire that all members of the Farm Bureau have their names on these membership cards, so all of the old members are requested to sign one of these cards as soon as convenient. The dues will continue the same—\$1.00 per year, due the first of each March. It is hoped that every member will be a booster for more members. Cards may be secured at the office of the County Agent.

The new members will be published in the local papers each week. The men and their addresses who have already signed up are as follows:  
C. L. Alexander, Farmington.  
W. D. Ashburn, Farmington.  
J. C. Ballard, Libertyville.  
F. H. Best, Farmington.  
Albert Belkin, Knob Lick.  
G. J. Belken, Mine La Motte.  
E. T. Brent, Farmington.

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## AN INTERESTING QUESTION OF LAW

Involving the Ownership of Certain  
Shares of Doe Run Lead Co.  
Capital Stock

The case of Robert Holmes against the Doe Run Lead Company, which was a mandamus proceeding to compel the officers of the Doe Run Lead Company to transfer certain 23 shares of capital stock of the Doe Run Company, held by one Montgomery on the books of the Company, to the name of Robert Holmes, was tried last Friday and Saturday in the Circuit Court.

It seems that several years ago these 23 shares were owned by one Rickard, and were hypothecated with the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis to secure a loan made by the bank to Rickard; and it developed that Rickard had an agreement with the bank that this stock should be transferred or should be delivered to the St. Joe Lead Company, and that that Company should issue stock of the St. Joe Lead Company in lieu of the Doe Run Lead Company stock in accordance with a certain plan of consolidation theretofore made. It afterwards developed that the pledgor of this stock became a fugitive from justice, and the bank to protect itself caused the stock to be issued in the name of Montgomery; that Montgomery did not enter into a similar agreement with the bank and the St. Joe Lead Company that Rickard had entered into; that after this note had become due the National Bank of Commerce advertised this stock under its collateral agreement for sale at the East Court House Door in the City of St. Louis. On the day of sale Robert Holmes' representative was present and purchased the stock. Thereafter he made a demand on the officers of the Doe Run Lead Company to transfer this 23 shares of the capital stock of the Doe Run Lead Company from Montgomery to Holmes, which the Doe Run Lead Company officials declined to do upon the advice of counsel.

The Doe Run Lead Company, by its answer, admitted that the 23 shares of stock were outstanding and belonged to someone, and that they were ready and willing to issue said 23 shares to the rightful owner, but suggested that the St. Joseph Lead

Company be directed to come into court and interplead, and as grounds therefor stated that the agreement between Rickard and the National Bank of Commerce on the one hand, with the officers and directors of the St. Joe Lead Company on the other hand, was that the holder and owner of these 23 shares were by virtue of the agreement aforesaid obligated to surrender the 23 shares of Doe Run Lead stock and take therefor their pro-rata of the St. Joe Lead Company stock.

It was shown by the evidence on the part of Mr. Holmes that he did not know anything about any agreement between the National Bank of Commerce and the pledgor of this stock with anybody; he bought the stock at the foreclosure sale. It was further shown that the Cashier of the National Bank of Commerce of St. Louis by letters stated to Mr. Guy Fisher, the broker who purchased the stock for Mr. Holmes, and to Mr. B. H. Marbury, the attorney for Mr. Holmes, that at the time of the notice of sale, and at no other time, was the said National Bank of Commerce obligated by any contract whatever not to sell the same. It was further shown by Mr. Holmes himself that he knew nothing about an alleged contract, and bought the stock without notice and in good faith; and it was further shown by him on cross-examination that the reason he purchased this stock was that the owners of the majority stock of the St. Joe Lead Company, under their re-organization scheme, had agreed and did put Mr. Holmes on the Board of Directors, but that when he was unwilling to reduce the wages of the laboring men unless the wages of men higher up were reduced, and for other reasons, testified to, he was left off the board; and that thereafter, to protect his interests in the Doe Run Lead Company, he purchased this stock.

After hearing all the evidence and the argument of the attorneys the Court decided to order the St. Joseph Lead Company to interplead on or before March 20, 1916, and then continued the case over to the next regular May term, 1916.

## Why a Baby Week?

A Baby Week is a campaign for a two-fold purpose: 1. To give the parents of a community the opportunity of learning the most important facts with regard to the care of the baby. 2. To bring home to the community a knowledge of the facts regarding the needless deaths of the babies, and a realization of the ways in which it must protect them.

Baby Week is a national affair—and it should be a matter of interest to the whole community.

Conservation.  
We are conserving our forests, our mines, our water power. What are we doing to conserve human life, our greatest national asset?

Is this conservation worth while? If so, let us work for better woman and child legislation, expert laboratory service, State traveling infant-welfare exhibits.

Is it worth while to us as a city? If so, let us pass and enforce ordinances for clean streets and alleys; and infant welfare stations.

Infant Mortality.  
Do you know that in the United States 124 out of every 1,000 registered babies die?

What is the death rate in Farmington?

What is being done to lower the death rate?

Can we not strive to make the death rate here the lowest of any community of its size in the country?

The problem of infant mortality is a most urgent one. Its scope is world-wide, and on its partial solution, at least, depends the welfare of posterity.

The causes of infant mortality are mainly the result of three conditions—poverty, ignorance and neglect.

One third of all infant deaths occur as the result of digestive disturbance, brought on chiefly by faulty feeding. Soothing syrups are dangerous; pacifiers are both needless and injurious; a baby needs rest and regular hours of sleeping, and should not be kept up late or handled too much.

The baby is like a little plant; he must have fresh air and sunlight. He will droop and die if kept in a close, dark room, deprived of nature's best health tonics—fresh air and sunlight.

Every baby's birth should be registered. A certificate of birth will be necessary for school attendance, going to work, inheritance and citizenship.

Every man and woman, whether the parents of a baby or not, should know what their own health department is doing.

Infant mortality is the most sensitive index we possess of social welfare and a sanitary administration.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Feb. 19, B. H. Christopher and Miss Pearl Jarrell of Cantwell.

19th, Felix E. Holster and Miss Edith E. Thomsen of Desloge.

23rd, Thomas J. Douglas and Miss Ella Iahn of Desloge.

24th, J. O. Hoff of St. Francois and Miss Elza Sutton of Flat River.

25th, Raymond Larkin of Esther and Miss Cora D. Harris of Flat River.

28th, Wm. C. Rolander of St. Francois and Miss Edith W. Weimer of Farmington.

28th, Lewis Kovacs and Lena Papp of St. Francois.

March 1, Elmer E. Williams and Miss Lizzie Buchholz of Farmington.

## COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE MEETS

Calls County Convention for March 14  
to Elect Delegates to the St.  
Joseph Convention

The Democratic Central Committee of St. Francois County met in Farmington on Wednesday, March 1, 1916, all members of the committee present, to take action on plan of electing delegates to the State Democratic Convention, which meets at St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 21st, to elect delegates to the Democratic National Convention.

The committee decided to call township mass meetings or conventions in each township on Saturday, March 11th, at 1 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to the County Convention, to meet in Farmington on Tuesday, March 14th, at 1 o'clock p. m., to elect delegates to the St. Joseph Convention.

The following basis of representation was fixed for the County Convention: That each township be entitled to one delegate for every 100 votes cast for Wilson for President, and one delegate for each fractional part of 100 of 50 and over.

This gives the several townships in the county the following representation in the County Convention:

St. Francois Township .....11  
Perry Township ..... 6  
Marion Township ..... 2  
Big River Township ..... 1  
Iron Township ..... 2  
Liberty Township ..... 2  
Pendleton Township ..... 1  
Randolph Township ..... 6

### Places of Township Meetings

It was agreed that the Township mass meetings or conventions should be held at the following named places on Saturday, March 11, at 1 p. m.:

Farmington, St. Francois Township.  
Bonne Terre, Perry Township.  
French Village, Marion Township.  
Blackwell, Big River Township.  
Bismarck, Iron Township.  
Libertyville, Liberty Township.  
Doe Run, Pendleton Township.  
Desloge, Randolph Township.

By resolution the committee endorsed the candidacy of B. H. Marbury for Attorney General and John L. Bradley for State Auditor, by unanimous vote.

The convention then adjourned to meet in Farmington at 10 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, March 14, 1916.

E. E. SWINK, Chairman.  
G. K. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

## Elmwood Home for Homeless Children

The good people of Farmington and St. Francois county, who are interested in caring for homeless children, or those who have lost their parents, will be glad to know that the Home is receiving substantial support from the State at large. During the experimental days of establishing the Home, no special solicitation for support of the Home has been made in our local communities. Many generous individuals have given produce and some money to the Home, but no effort has been made to draw the support of the Home from the city or county. The Board of Trustees has felt that the support of the Home must come from the State at large, and now, after a number of months, we have found that generous Presbyterians over the State are glad and willing to support such an institution that will care for homeless children. Besides the gifts for the running expenses of the institution, two thousand dollars have been given and spent on improvements on the property.

Having passed the experimental stage, the Home is now preparing to go forward in its helpful mission. To

do this the incumbrance of debt resting against the property must be removed, and the Board of Trustees will endeavor to remove the same as soon as possible.

The Home is Presbyterian only as to the control of it, and children from every church or no church are received into it. Of the twenty-five children that have been received and cared for up to the present, twenty have come from St. Francois county. If some of the encumbrances can be removed soon, additional improvements can be made, such as a memorial hospital, and re-arrangement of the building which will allow us to care for double the number of children that we now have.

We ask you then to help us. REMEMBER THAT EVERY DOLLAR HELPS A HOMELESS CHILD. And we feel sure that the people of Farmington and St. Francois county will not fail us in our effort to enlarge our work and care for more children who need the loving care of such a Home. We want you to have a part in this, whether your gift is large or small.

... THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
of the Elmwood Home.

## Arrested Charged With Murder

Sheriff James F. Whitehead of Vienna, Ill., arrived in Bismarck last Tuesday morning, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff Mitchell of this county, and took into custody Francis Marion Henderson, who had a few hours before been arrested by Marshal J. A. Fitzgerald. He is charged with the murder of Monroe Davis in Johnson county, Ill., on November 2, 1914.

The murdered man was a brother of Henderson's wife. Henderson willingly agreed to return to Illinois with the sheriff without requisition. He had successfully evaded the officers of the law up to the time of his arrest at Bismarck by frequently changing his place of abode, first in Texas, then in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

A dispatch to the St. Louis papers on the 8th of February announcing that the three-year-old child of Ed Henderson was burned to death in boiling water led to his identification and arrest.

W. A. Mitchell, one of the progressive and advanced farmers of the Eastern neighborhood, called this week and renewed his subscription. He is being talked of as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County

## Still They Come

Among the new subscribers to The Times the past week are the following: John Mullins of Leadwood; Elizabeth Cooksey, of Bonne Terre; Richard Berryman, of Bismarck; M. B. Cook, of Farmington; W. A. Mitchell, of Esther; A. S. Aubuchon, French Village; A. C. Eaton, of Cape Girardeau.

Renewals are as follows: Thos. H. Haile, W. T. Haile, H. M. Sears, Ellis Byington, Robert Clay, J. H. Jones, of Farmington; E. V. Parks, Route 4; Joel J. Laws and Charles Dittich, Route 5; Perry McCormick, of Plattin; Chas. H. Hulsey, of Webb City.

### LIBRARY SHOWER

There will be an afternoon tea given on the 14th in the library rooms at the High School at which everyone interested in the work is invited to attend. Everyone is asked to bring a book to donate to the library, and thus help to aid a good work for the advancement and welfare of our town.

Roblander—Weimer—Wm. Roblander and Miss Edith Weimer, both of Farmington, were married last Saturday, February 10th, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. J. M. Bailey. The Times joins the many friends of these worthy young people in wishing them happiness, prosperity and all good.